Irrigation in Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod and Kulkulam.

41. *Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount allotted for irrigation works in the taluks of Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod and Kalkulam by the Irrigation Executive Engineer in 1112, 1113 and 1114 respectively;

(*b*) the total expenditure for works actually executed during these years; and

(*c*) the reasons for abolishing the Irrigation Division?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) & (*b*) A statement* furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) As a measure of retrenchment, the Irrigation Division office alone was abolished.

Lock-up for Nemom Police Station.

42. *Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any step in providing the Nemom Police Station with a lock-up; if not, why not?

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*): Yes.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the nature of the steps taken by Government in the matter of providing the lock-up?

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: After the examination of the question, I have drawn the attention of the Government to this and the Government have entrusted the subject to the Public Works Department.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know how long this question was pending with Government?

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: The honourable member raised this question during the last session and I went to the station the same day in August 1939.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know why there is so much delay in this matter?

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Does not the honourable member know.....

President: Order, order. The honourable member should answer questions and not ask questions.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, I was suggesting that Government move slowly but cautiously in all matters and schemes which involve expenditure.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the member has drawn the attention of Government to move urgently in this matter?

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Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Well, I said that Government machinery moves at its own speed. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): May I ask the honourable member whether the State Congress is not dead now and so whether there is any need for additional lock-ups?

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Well, I am not sure whether the State Congress is dead. But like the reptile which when overpowered lies low and pretends to be dead and raises its head and tries to bite you if you are not watchful—

President: I do not think it necessary to mention the peculiarities of any animal.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, that reptile is known in Hindusthani as *Doe Moo Chaklan* and in Tamil "ഇരുതലമരം", double headed snake... ...

President: Order, order.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Sir, like that, the State Congress is raising its head in Ernakulam, Madura and at other places.

President. Order, order.

Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Excuse me, Sir.

New Insurance Act, XIX of 1114.

43. ***Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by category (Life, Fire, Marine, Accident Motor car, Workmen's Compensation etc,) of:—

(*a*) insurers who have applied for registration under Act XIX of 1114;

(*b*) those registered till now:

(*c*) the amount of deposit sanctioned by Government in the respective cases;

(*d*) the amount of deposit made by insurers and their respective names; and

(*e*) the amount of registration fees paid by the respective insurers?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: *The statement containing therequired information is laid on the table.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: In regard to part (*e*) it is stated in the statement appended that the 8th number paid a registration fee of Rs. 10 whereas the Act compels a minimum of Rs. 100. How is it explained?

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